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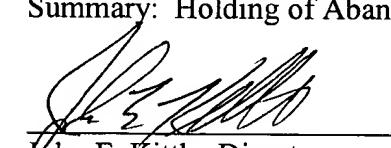
In re Application of : DECISION ON PETITION
Daniel Lynn et al : TO WITHDRAW
Serial No. : 09/818,486 : HOLDING OF
Filed : March 27, 2001 : ABANDONMENT
For : Systems and Methods for Collecting Leukocyte-
Reduced Blood Components, Including Plasma that is
Free or Virtually Free of Cellular Blood Species

This is a decision on a request filed March 3, 2004 to review the holding of abandonment mailed February 10, 2004, for failure to respond to the Office action mailed July 31, 2003. There is no fee required for this petition.

In support of the request, petitioner has submitted a copy of a response, a copy of a three-month extension of time request, and a copy of a PTO stamped receipt dated February 5, 2004. The communication included a certificate of mailing dated February 2, 2004, the 31st of January being a Saturday and the 1st of February a Sunday. It is noted that the original communication has been located and matched with the instant file. Any inconvenience is deeply regretted.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 10, 2004, is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. Upon the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Examiner via the Legal Instruments Examiner for entry and consideration of the response filed February 5, 2004 as well as the supplemental amendment filed February 9, 2004.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.


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